GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOK EVALUATION
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the observations and recommendations of the National Steering Committee on Text Book Evaluation (National Council ofEducational Research and Training) in respect of books and publications used in the Vidya Bharati Schools in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the major observations and recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (c) : The National Steering Committee on Text BookEvaluation was constituted by the Department of Education under the Chairmanship o f Prof. Bipan Chandra to consider the Reports of Evaluation of School TextBooks done by NCERT and state agencies and to undertake sample evaluation of school text books brought out by the NCERT, state agencies and private publishers. The publications brought out by Vidya Bharati were also studied. The Committee inter-alia recommended that text books should be written in conformity to the National Curricular Framework and the guidelines prepared by NCERT. It also recommended the setting up of State Boards which will be responsible for the preparation and authorization of text books to be used in schools. The two Reports by the Committee were circulated to the State Governments for necessary follow up action.